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Ecole Bobby Bend School students from Mrs. Holod's Grade 4 class are joining the rest of their peers in celebrating their love of reading this month with an Olympic Games theme. Pictured left to right, back row, Walker, Knox, Declan; front, Macy, Yvan, Jack, Selayna and Pippa.

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Surrogacy journey creates local connections

By Jennifer McFee

In a journey that began more than a decade ago, a River Heights couple is looking forward to taking the next steps alongside their “surro-angel” who will help them grow their family.

Katie and Russ Hill describe themselves as career aunts and uncles, yet they’ve wanted to become parents to their own little one for as long as they can remember — and an Interlake woman is helping to make that dream a reality.

For health reasons and complications after losing her first child, Katie underwent a hysterectomy. However, doctors were able to leave her ovaries, which is how she and Russ could make embryos biologically related to them.

Shortly after they got married in 2011, Katie and Russ were referred to a fertility clinic in Calgary, where they lived at the time. Then in 2017, they embarked on the adventure of making their embryos — a process that involved hormones, blood work and ultrasounds to find the perfect timing to retrieve Katie’s eggs.

“The embryologists took those eggs and a sample from Russ and made our embryos,” Katie said.

“We have had two unsuccessful embryo transfer attempts (in 2017 and 2018) with our previous surrogate, a close friend of ours. Medical opinions and a lot of discussion had us on our search for someone who would continue the journey with us.”

In July 2021, they created an Instagram page (@the.hillbeans) to spread the word about their search for a gestational surrogate. To garner interest, they decided to write it from the perspective of their embryos, which they lovingly refer to as their “beans.”

Their search serendipitously led them to Dana Meyers, who lives just outside Stonewall with her husband Thomas and their three children. Dana, a photographer who often takes photos of newborns, happened to see their story shared on social media by another newborn photographer. The story caught her attention and Dana decided to reach out to Katie and Russ in August 2021. On Sept. 1, the trio met for coffee.



To follow their journey, passionate,” Katie check out @the.hillbeans on said. Instagram.



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Katie and Russ Hill got married in 2011 and renewed their vows in Hawaii in 2021.

“We’ve also had a chance to meet her family. Her husband and kids are just as welcoming, warm and compassionate. We haven’t been able to spend too much time together through COVID, but with the journey getting really underway now, there will be so many opportunities to connect more.”

For Dana, thoughts of surrogacy always lingered in the back of her mind, and she felt fortunate that she had three children with Thomas.

“I feel offering my assistance through surrogacy is my way to help another couple make their journey towards parenthood a reality,” Dana said.

“There are so many couples out there struggling with infertility, and surrogacy just isn’t talked about enough.”

Thomas, who was Dana’s high school sweetheart, remains completely supportive of Dana’s role in this quest.

“I think what Dana is doing is the most kind and generous thing someone can do,” Thomas said. “I admire her and will support her through the entire process.”

In Canada, there’s a very thorough process to determine if surrogacy is right for you, Dana added, and you must have children of your own already.



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Dana Meyers lives near Stonewall with her husband Thomas and their three children.

“My first step from there was to get a referral to Heartland Fertility Clinic,” she said. “I’ve had to go through medical screening and we are currently reaching the final legal stages of the process.”

Meanwhile, Katie and Russ are waiting with anticipation while their three embryos are transferred with care to Winnipeg from Calgary. The embryos are expected to arrive in Winnipeg this week in a special container called a cryogenic vapour shipper.

The excitement is palpable as they progress towards the next stage of the process.

“We’re sure welcoming one of our beans into the world will be the most exciting part of the journey, but so far, the whole journey has been quite a roller coaster of excitement,” Russ said.

“Making our embryos was a fascinating process. It brought us so close together.”

At the same time, it’s also exciting to open up the conversation about infertility and surrogacy, Katie adds.

“It seems to be a taboo subject that really should not be. Infertility and pregnancy loss is so common and rarely spoken about,” she said.

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Teulon library hosts cooking and baking contest

By Jennifer McFee

Teulon library is cooking up a fun initiative to encourage community engagement.

Throughout the month of February, the local library is running a baking and cooking contest for participants of all ages.

"If people send us a picture of something they have made, they are automatically entered to win a 'chef's prize package,'" said branch librarian June Makowski.

"We have cookbook displays set up

for inspiration in all sections of the library. This also incorporates family literacy by doing a task together, reading instructions and comprehending what the task is."

There will be one prize draw for kids and another one for adults.

All cooking and baking entries will be posted anonymously on the Facebook page for "South Interlake Regional Library - Teulon Branch" — and there are already lots of photos of mouth-watering morsels to check out.



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The South Interlake Regional Library Teulon branch is encouraging residents to submit their baking and cooking entries for their contest throughout February.

Province announces \$750,000 in funding for Manitoba Camping Association

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government is providing \$750,000 in funding to the Manitoba Camping Association (MCA) to support a COVID-19 economic recovery plan for eligible overnight camps throughout Manitoba, Municipal Relations Minister Eileen Clarke announced last week.

"Manitoba children benefit from the exposure to the outdoors and

the learning experiences overnight camps offer, and we recognize the importance of community-based organizations in building thriving and sustainable communities across the province," said Clarke. "These funds will help camps survive the financial impacts of COVID-19 and support their continued operations."

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Stonewall council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

It could be history in the making as Stonewall council considers the best ways to store the town's historical records.

At the Feb. 9 meeting, council discussed a memo from Quarry Park manager Catherine Precourt and a report from Jane Dalley, a conservator from the cultural stewardship program with the Association of Manitoba Museums. Precourt and Dalley both provided recommendations for ways to store and provide access to the town's historical records.

In August 2021, Dalley met with staff, volunteers and municipal representatives at the Heritage Arts Centre to tour the archives, display area and the rest of the building. Currently, archival storage is in a small room in the basement.

The Heritage Arts Centre was built in 2011 after a fire at the original interpretive site in 2007 destroyed most artifacts in the collection.

"The Arts Centre did not plan to acquire archival materials but since the community has no other museum or archival space, it has become the repository for various items such as a collection of copies of the local paper dating back over 100 years," Dalley's report states.

"In addition, the Town Hall is undergoing a major renovation and requires archival storage its municipal documents. There is a collection policy for the Interpretive Centre, with a focus on geology and quarry history. The Arts Centre is considering expanding its collection policy to include Town records, and is wondering what/where/how is the best way to preserve them."

Dalley notes that it might be possible to make space at the Heritage Arts Centre or retrofit another municipal building, such as the vacant post office, for archival storage.

"Another option is to donate the records to the Manitoba Archives in Winnipeg, with the Arts Centre providing access and research facilities for digitized and online copies," she wrote.

"Some community residents are resistant to use of microfilm or digitized copies in place of the physical record, feeling that this leads to a loss of control and loss of access. There is also concern over the loss of local records to Winnipeg."

Whatever option the town pursues, the archives would require secure, pest-free and environmentally controlled storage facilities. Dalley also recommends that the Town of Stonewall join the Association of Manitoba Archives, which offers resources and training.

Precourt's memo notes that municipal document management is governed by the Municipal Act's regulation for retention and disposition of municipal records. Under this regulation, certain types of documents are designated as archival. For these archival documents, municipalities

must ensure they're not destroyed and are transferred to the Archives of Manitoba or to another archives that meets minimum archival standards after the documents' minimum retention period.

In early 2021, the Heritage Arts Centre received 42 bins of records designated as archival from the town office for temporary storage since the Archives of Manitoba wasn't accepting documents due to the pandemic.

Then in August, the Heritage Arts Centre received another 29 boxes of documents of historical interest from the town office.

"It is unusual for the HAC to receive such a large volume of documents all at once. Typically, we might get a piece of information a few times a year. The HAC manager and staff work on accession as time permits, which is usually in the winter months," Precourt's memo states.

"Given the time constraints, there is often a backlog. Our standard practice is to use space set aside in the undeveloped area to store incoming items before accession into the secure storage area. Items are not usually stored in the interpretive centre secure storage space or the staff room prior to processing. We routinely use a vacuum with a HEPA filter to clean documents. Staff working with documents wear appropriate PPE."

In addition, Precourt asked Dalley which option she would recommend for storing the municipal and non-municipal documents.

"She believes our best course of action would be to keep the community documents at the HAC and send the municipal documents to the provincial archives," states the memo.

For 2022, Precourt offered several recommendations. To start, she suggests upgrading the storage space in the Heritage Arts Centre, including professional installation of a high-density mobile storage system.

She also suggests revising the existing interpretive centre policy and supporting forms.

Another suggestion is to arrange for the digitization of municipal documents, as well as for municipal documents to be donated to the Archives of Manitoba.

As well, she suggests accession of community documents into a collection, which would involve creating a document inventory, sorting the documents, taking steps for preservation, writing descriptions according to standard archival practices and promoting access.

To help offset costs, the town could apply for several grants.

Looking further ahead, Precourt suggests adding a dedicated cultural and heritage services staff position, even on a part-time or consultant basis.

Council didn't make any decisions at the Feb. 9 committee of the whole meeting, but several council members supported the idea of including shelving in the upcoming budget.

"Going over the report and some of the things that have been outlined here, one of the things I think we absolutely

do need is the shelving at the HAC," Deputy Mayor Jackie Luellman said.

"That's pretty important, regardless of where and what and how many documents are stored there. The space that's got shelving there now is definitely not sufficient, so I do believe that's something that we really should encourage for the budget to be able to put that shelving in there."

She also noted the importance of proper training on how to properly handle historical documents.

Coun. Kim Newman agreed that the town needs to have the infrastructure in place to properly store historical documents.

In other council news:

- CAO Wally Melnyk provided a year-end financial overview for the Town of Stonewall. He noted that 2021 turned out to be a tough year due to COVID and its impacts on town operations. At the same time, he gave credit to council for its work to limit these impacts on the town's budget and operations.

"In the general operating fund, we ended up losing about \$80,000 that includes things like amortization, which isn't something that council budgets for," he said.

Overall, the town ran a small surplus of less than 0.5 per cent.

"This is evidence of how close we came to providing for an understanding of what was going to happen to the operation and then accounting for it," he said.

"For the mill rate, council was able to keep it in check and ultimately we ran a very small surplus at the end of the year."

Weather also impacted revenues, particularly at the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex, with cold weather shutdowns in the spring, winter and late fall of 2021.

Looking at the balance sheet, 2021 cash levels were essentially identical to those in 2020 but working capital levels slipped slightly based on purchases and debt repayments.

"We lost a little cash flow but ultimately in terms of actual cash to bank, we're pretty much at the same spot," Melnyk said.

On the revenue side, the town saw a shortfall of about \$600,000, mainly related to revenue that didn't come in from the provincial government and lower added taxes than expected.

At the same time, the town underspent by about \$450,000 compared to the budgeted amount, with about \$50,000 underspent in administration, \$200,000 in protective services, \$30,000 in works and operations and \$80,000 in environmental costs.

This year, the transportation budget

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> COUNCIL, FROM PG. 4

will likely be hit hard due to all the snowfall.

Melnyk will submit a consolidated financial statement to the Public Utilities Board. Based on PUB's requirements, the Town of Stonewall shows a small surplus of \$90,000 on a \$1 million operation.

"We're not in a deficit situation, which is really good," Melnyk said.

- The Manitoba Water Services Board has asked municipalities to identify new water and sewer projects that they might be considering over the next two to four years. The Town of Stonewall is submitting two projects for consideration: the regional water treatment plant and pipeline project as well as sewer service for the continuing care retirement centre site.

In addition, The Town of Stonewall signed a funding agreement with Manitoba Water Services Board in 2019 for septic upgrades. The south lift station at 670 1st St. West needs to be upgraded, so the town is requesting that MWSB initiate the funding for this lift station phase of this agree-

ment.

"That project will hopefully become a 2022 upgrade as well," Melnyk said. "It's an \$800,000 to \$900,000 project."

- As CAO, Melnyk will execute an agreement with the Province of Manitoba for construction and maintenance of a 200-millimetre water pipeline under a portion of Highway 67.

"This is a portion of the project that we currently see under construction. There are two parts to this project. They include the upgrades to our existing water infrastructure along 3rd Avenue South heading to 4th Street East and ultimately heading south from there to 5th Avenue South, where there will be a tie-in. That's Phase 1," Melnyk said.

"Phase 2 of the project is to put water down Highway 67 from the corner of 4th Street East and 2nd Avenue North, heading east to the first entrance road of the industrial park and providing services potentially to all businesses along that route and making it available should we want to service lands heading east of 4th Street East going forward."

> SURROGACY, FROM PG. 2

"The amazing ways that science helps complete families is also not spoken about enough. We've met some amazing people, created some amazing bonds and have only grown stronger speaking more about our journey."

From Dana's perspective, she also feels grateful for the connection she's developed with Katie and Russ since first meeting them six months ago.

"We just seemed to click. They are the absolute sweetest couple and are always checking in and making sure we are OK with every step we've taken so far in this process," she said.

"Pregnancy loss and infertility isn't talked about enough. There are so many people struggling alone and I feel it's important to normalize that conversation."

Looking ahead, both couples are open to the idea of staying in touch.

"Katie and Russ have welcomed us with open arms and have said from the beginning this is something they are 100 per cent open to," Dana said.

"We are excited to see where our journey takes us."

Likewise, Katie and Russ expressed similar sentiments.

"We're very open and hope to have a relationship with Dana and her family afterwards; however, we will be sure to be respectful to what each family may need at that time," Katie said.

"We'd love to see how we fit into each other's lives as time goes on."

Although it's not always been easy, Katie and Russ feel compelled to spread the word about surrogacy, a topic that's often only spoken about in whispers.

"Putting ourselves and our story out there was such a hard thing to do, but we couldn't be happier that we did," Katie said.

"We are staying positive that we will be another success story — another story to inspire and keep up hope for those longing to complete their families."

To follow their journey, check out @the.hillbeans on Instagram.

Both of these initiatives are part of the project approved by the Manitoba Water Services Board, which is sharing the cost on a 50-50 basis.

The project will also serve to upgrade the fire protection capacity of the current system through the work that's being done on 3rd Avenue South.

- Council voted in favour of asking subdivision applicant Global Homes to revise its application to consolidate the proposed lot with an adjacent property on 4th Street East.

- The Town of Stonewall will appoint Mike Dola as the municipal noxious weeds inspector.

- Council declared Feb. 20 to 26 as Kin Canada Week and they encourage everyone to salute local Kinsmen, Kinettes and Kin Members. The service club was founded in Hamilton, Ont., on Feb. 20, 1920. In honour of Kin Canada's 102nd anniversary, the Town of Stonewall also declared Sunday, Feb. 20 as Kin Canada Day.

"I would like to thank both the Kinettes and the Kinsmen for their hard work and diligence in making the Town of Stonewall what it is," said Mayor Clive Hinds.

- The Town of Stonewall will participate in the 2022 national edition of Communities in Bloom in the 5,001 to 15,000 population category. The registration cost is \$1,000 plus tax. "The last time we were in the national competition, we had less population so this puts the town in a little bit of a bigger population category so the competition is a little bigger. It's going to be an exciting year for Communities in Bloom and the Town of Stonewall for being able to compete," said Deputy Mayor Jackie Luellman, who chaired the Feb. 16 meeting.

- Council agreed to accept Jasperson's Greenhouse Landscapes quotation to supply flowers to the Town of Stonewall for 2022.



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'This is going to be a difficult transition phase'

Chief doc urges Manitobans to be respectful, kind as restrictions start to scale back

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The next few weeks will be a transitional period for Manitoba when it comes to moving from public health orders to public health recommendations, noted Dr. Brent Roussin last week.

Speaking to media at an online press conference the day after the province moved down to Level Yellow on the Pandemic Response System, Manitoba's chief public health officer acknowledged there are some mixed emotions out there as restrictions begin to ease.

"For some Manitobans ... the lifting of these restrictions can't come soon enough. But for others, they feel they're being lifted too quickly," he said.

"As we transition away from public

health orders back into public health messaging, I'm asking all Manitobans to continue to respect each other and treat each other with kindness," Roussin urged. "This is going to be a difficult transition phase and, of course, we're not done with COVID, so we're going to have to continue to work together to protect Manitoba."

Proof of vaccination requirements will be gone March 1, with mask mandates in public spaces to follow March 15.

"There's going to be people who continue to wear masks in public settings and some businesses may require masks going forward," Roussin noted. "Manitobans should expect that in some settings, especially in health-care facilities, personal care homes, some protective measures may stay in place to protect those people who are vulnerable to infection."

While the numbers of COVID-19 hospitalizations and ICU admissions are on an encouraging downward trend, the relaxation of restrictions doesn't mean the pandemic is over and done with.

"It's very likely that we'll see more COVID-19 in Manitoba, more waves

and more variants, but we have many tools in place to protect ourselves moving forward, vaccines being the most important one," Roussin said, urging people to get vaccinated if they haven't already.

Wearing a mask in situations where physical distancing isn't possible remains recommended, he noted. All the other fundamentals are also important: good hand hygiene, staying home when sick, and managing the number of people from outside your household that you come into close contact with.

All this is especially important for anyone at high risk of negative COVID-19 outcomes, Roussin stressed.

Heading into the long weekend, the province's online COVID-19 dashboard was reporting 583 total hospitalizations with the virus (302 of which were still actively contagious), including 33 ICU patients (13 considered contagious).

The test positivity rate was at 18.5 per cent. The death toll had hit 1,649.

Updated numbers from the weekend were not available at press time Monday.

KAP welcomes review of education funding model

The following statement is attributable to Bill Campbell, president, Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP):

"KAP welcomes the Government of Manitoba's announcement of a team to review and develop a new model

of education funding for implementation in the 2023-2024 school year.

Education funding is an issue that affects every farmer in Manitoba. As farm property values continue to increase year over year in most rural municipalities, farmers are contributing more than their fair share of the cost of education.

We look forward to working with the team to ensure that an equitable distribution of taxes between farm property and residential property is

reflected in the new education funding model.

We are also reiterating our call for the continued removal of education property taxes from farm property in Budget 2022. Farmers need financial certainty when drought conditions, supply chain pressures and rising input costs are affecting their farm operations."

- Bill Campbell, President
Keystone Agricultural Producers

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CancerCare MB launches new website filled with tips for cancer prevention

Staff

CancerCare Manitoba has launched a new website filled with tips to increase your chances of living cancer-free.

Practiceprevention.ca went live earlier this month to help Manitobans make informed choices and lower their cancer risk.

"The percentage of people we expect to be diagnosed with cancer has gone down in Manitoba and across Canada while survival rates have gone up thanks to advances in research, technology, screening and treatments," said Dr. Sri Navaratnam, president and CEO of CancerCare Manitoba. "This is very good news, but we know that there is more work to be done, including steps that can be taken by every Manitoban to reduce their risk of being diagnosed with cancer."

According to the 2021 Canadian Cancer Statistics, two in five Canadi-

ans are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime—an improvement from the one in two Canadians previously reported.

In the early 1990s, the five-year net survival for all cancers combined was 55 per cent, but it has now increased to 64 per cent.

That said, cancer remains a serious health concern, with 6,900 Manitobans expected to be diagnosed with some form of it in 2022. By 2035, that number is anticipated to increase to 10,000.

The new website outlines specific steps people can take to better protect themselves (eating healthier, exercising more, living smoke-free, being sun safe, etc.), with links to activities, programs, and other resources in each category.

"Many types of cancers are preventable, which means we can all reduce our cancer risk," said Navaratnam.

"It might seem daunting to get started on something new like getting more exercise or eating healthier. The trick lies in knowing you don't have to go from zero to 100 all at once. You can start by making a small change and building from there, knowing that the small change is already a healthy choice that can help reduce your risk of cancer."

Here are a few simple lifestyle changes to get you started:

- Go for a walk—don't let the snow stop you from getting outside.
- Avoid alcohol by choosing sparkling water instead.
- Move more by adding steps and moderate to vigorous aerobic physical activity to your day.
- Avoid fast food and increase consumption of fruits and vegetables, wholegrains, beans, and lentils instead.

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Working Together

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it (1Corinthians 12:26 ~ NRSV).

This Sunday marks the end of the season of Epiphany. It's a season when we remember the light that came in Jesus but also the light of wisdom brought by the Magi, who were led by a vision of a new way into the future. This seems especially appropriate this year as we begin to imagine what the *new normal* of daily life and church life will be like when the pandemic eases.

We are on a desert journey, getting more than a little frustrated that we can't just immediately arrive at the Promised Land of *Normal Life* as we once knew it.

Part of the problem with wilderness journeys is that their benefit isn't always immediately clear. As we wander around, feeling uncertain about where we are going, we can easily focus on the smaller inconveniences of the trip. We quickly forget that the grass wasn't always greener on the other side of the fence.

We all know the value of working together as a team. I've seen that teamwork in church life. I've seen it in family and community life, especially when there is a crisis. Paul's image of the church as a body just ties this all together. We need everyone's contributions for the community to be healthy and whole in spirit.

Despite all its dark lessons, the pandemic has taught us that we are all interconnected by this virus — both for ill and for good. Our God invites us to work for the good — for the wholeness and health of all — as we all travel home by a different road.

We will be surprised by the people we meet on the road, like the Magi. They will be able to see signs we may not — signs of a new way into the future.

I pray that our community will be known for its willingness to work together for the common good. In our own little corner of God's world, let's all be a light as we await the transformation that long journeys always bring. We never come back home the same people we were before. We are changed and find new truths to celebrate because of what we have experienced along the way.

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Warren students love to read



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Warren Elementary School Grade 6 students spent last Wednesday afternoon with three Manitoba Moose players via Zoom. The players from the American Hockey League read to students as special guests for I Love to Read Month. Pictured left to right: Jeff Malott #39, Cole Maler #41 and Simon Lundmark #42.

Volunteers in demand for Rockwood's emergency program

By Jennifer McFee

You never know when an emergency could occur, so it's best to be prepared.

As the municipal emergency co-ordinator for the RM of Rockwood, Bill Stewart aims to ensure the community is well equipped to deal with the most trying circumstances, including extreme weather events.

In his role, he is responsible for co-ordinating a management team for an emergency operations centre, co-ordinating emergency responses, implementing emergency plans and requesting mutual aid. At the same time, he needs to liaise with council, the reeve and the CAO throughout any emergency situation.

Stewart has been serving the community in this position since April 2020, bringing with him 30 years of employment experience with the Winnipeg Police Service, along with

experience in management, special investigation units, private investigations and security consulting.

He also undertook specialized training through the Manitoba Association of Emergency Municipal Coordinators to bolster his skills.

To ensure the municipality is prepared for emergencies, Stewart aims to recruit more volunteers to help.

In the event of extreme weather, Stewart said a range of volunteers would be needed, including drivers with 4x4 trucks or vehicles, people with ATVs or snow machines and heavy machine operators. Other volunteers would be needed to serve as intake workers at reception areas, to assist with serving meals and refreshments, and to provide pet and livestock care.

"There can and will be a wide variety of responsibilities and duties required of volunteers. Many duties



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Rockwood municipal emergency co-ordinator Bill Stewart

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Stonewall RCMP investigate fatal collision

Staff

Stonewall RCMP responded to a report of a vehicle travelling on Highway 7 in the wrong lane of traffic at approximately 6:50 p.m. on Feb. 17. Officers immediately began making patrols.

A few minutes later, a 911 call came in reporting a four-vehicle collision on Highway 7 near Highway 323 involving the vehicle that was travelling in the wrong lane of traffic.

The initial investigation has determined that a white truck travelling south in the northbound lane on Highway 7 collided with a vehicle going north, which caused a chain reaction. The collision involved three northbound vehicles and the white truck.

The driver of the white truck, a 66-year-old male from Peguis First Nation, was taken to hospital with serious injuries.

A 64-year-old male driver from Fisher River Cree Nation was pronounced deceased at the scene. He was driving one of the other vehicles involved in the collision.

Three adults and a child from the other vehicles involved were taken to hospital with serious injuries.

Stonewall RCMP, along with assistance from the Criminal Collision Investigation Team, and a forensic collision reconstructionist, continue to investigate.

Deadline for heritage resources conservation grant application extended

Submitted by Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has extended the deadline to March 21 for applications to the Heritage Resources Conservation Grant, a program that supports local, community-based projects for the preservation and enhancement of Manitoba's heritage sites, Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Andrew Smith announced.

"Historical sites dot the landscape of our great province and our government is pleased to provide funding so generations can learn from and appreciate the rich history of Manitoba,"

said Smith.

"By partnering with community organizations, local governments and property owners, the unique experiences, destinations and vibrant culture of Manitoba can be shared with the world."

The Heritage Resources Conservation Grant provides \$750,000 annually to community groups, volunteer and heritage organizations to support projects that demonstrate a commitment toward the conservation and long-term sustainability of heritage

resources legally protected under the Heritage Resources Act.

The grant program is designed to encourage new partnerships with community organizations and the private sector to support the long-term sustainability of Manitoba's heritage infrastructure. Grant applications can be submitted for capital projects, research, conservation planning, education or training and endowments. The conservation planning category, in particular, provides funding for professional condition assessments

that can benefit organizations during these uncertain times, the minister noted.

The original application deadline of Jan. 15 has been extended until March 21.

Smith added the timing of the funding allows organizations to take advantage of the upcoming construction season and ensure skills and trades are secured by spring.

For more information, visit www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants/heritage_hrcg.html.

Sing, jig and play at Rosser music program

By Nicole Brownlee

Families in Rosser can join a free music class that integrates music, dancing and stories into a weekly class for children and parents alike.

Carolina Nagy started hosting the Viva La Musica program in Rosser over three years ago.

"It involves a repertoire that allows the parents to mentor the children to show them how to socially act," said Nagy.

With the help of the Rosser Community Club, Nagy hosts weekly classes for families with children of all ages to learn Canadian, folk and French folk songs.

"There's always an aspect of fiddle music and art or classical music," said Nagy.

Participants also learn simple folk-dance steps and jigging.

"There's lots of movement and singing and dancing," said Nagy.

First Nations stories and history are also an important part of Nagy's classes.

"I feel there's really a need to delve into that history and share it because it's so beautiful," said Nagy.

Nagy's classes are based on the Orff philosophy, which approaches music education as a whole experience

for children, theorising that children learn best when they are physically doing, exploring and improvising.

The Orff philosophy combines elements of speech, rhythm, movement, dance and song.

In Nagy's classes, children play with several instruments, act out plays and sing songs together.

"It's a good philosophy that's built on learning through play," said Nagy.

Each round of classes follows a theme depending on holidays or events around the time classes are held.

Nagy's last sessions followed a Halloween and holiday music theme. Her upcoming classes will focus on a collection of Festival du Voyageur-inspired music.

Nagy hosted the classes virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic by live streaming through Facebook.

"Each (class) on average did at least 2,000 views," said Nagy.

Despite her success online, Nagy looked forward to teaching in person again.

"Working with children brings me to a level of consciousness that nothing else really can because I have to focus 100 per cent in order to be successful," said Nagy.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY ASHLEE BEACHELL

Caroline Nagy hosts free weekly family music classes at the Rosser Community Club.

Ashlee Beachell attended the family music class in Rosser in fall 2021 and plans to join in the next session of classes.

Beachell said her two boys, who are three and four years old, enjoy going to Nagy's classes.

"They've always loved music," said Beachell, who is also a part of the Rosser Community Club board.

"And my three-year-old has basically lived through COVID and hasn't been involved in many things, so he's

pumped to get out and go into a different environment."

Nagy's passion for teaching also encourages Beachell to attend the classes.

"She definitely is passionate about her music, and the kids are enthralled with her."

Nagy hosts classes at the Rosser Community Club on Sundays at 12 p.m. For more information, visit vivalamusica.ca or email ashleebeachell@gmail.com.

Manitoba forming new immigration advisory council

Local immigrant services agency eager to weigh-in on the struggles newcomers face

By Ashleigh Viveiros

News that Manitoba is creating a new advisory council on immigration got a thumbs up from those involved in the local settlement services community last week.

Premier Heather Stefanson and Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration Minister Jon Reyes announced Feb. 14 that the Immigration Advisory Council will bring together experts in the field to review the entire continuum of immigration, from promotion to retention of newcomers.

"This new advisory council will help us look at new and innovative ways to continue to be a welcoming new home for all newcomers, including refugees and international students, a dynamic destination for immigration and business investors, and an attractive place for people to come to build a life of opportunity and prosperity for themselves and their family," Ste-

fanson said.

The council will be co-chaired by Reyes and Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, who will be joined by a team of individuals with expertise in immigration and related fields.

They'll be looking at attracting and retaining newcomers to Manitoba, streamlining the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program, and fostering settlement and integration programs and services and foreign credential recognition programs.

"Immigration is an issue of great importance to the province, and we all have a common interest in an effective and efficient system," said Axworthy. "I'm pleased to be a part of this advisory council, and eager to get to work on behalf of all Manitobans current and future."

A final report is expected to be released by the end of the year.

Regional Connections Immigrant

Services executive director Steve Reynolds is eager to see what findings that report contains. He's pleased the province seems keen to dive into the immigration and settlement system in Manitoba to see what improvements might be made.

"It's really important to engage with people who are affected by policies and policy development in immigration," Reynolds noted, "so including people who have lived experience and are impacted by those policies is always really good to see."

Few details were made available to agencies like Regional Connections ahead of the announcement, but Reynolds is optimistic they'll have the opportunity to weigh in on the matters in the council's scope of interest.

"One of the things we commonly hear from our clients is the impact of delays and delayed processing times going through the Manitoba Provincial Nominee program," he said, noting many people come to the Pembina Valley on temporary worker visas that can expire before their applications are processed. "More effi-

cient processing that doesn't take two or three years would be an improvement.

"There's a lot of uncertainty being here with a temporary visa, including some limitations and access to services," Reynolds continued, explaining, for example, immigrants with visas aren't currently eligible for funding for some of the English classes offered locally.

Another major issue for many people who come to call Manitoba home is how long it can take to be reunited with family members they left behind.

"Often a primary applicant can get through as an economic immigrant and fill a job, bring their immediate family, but then it's really meaningful for people to also be able to welcome extended family," Reynolds said. "It has a real impact on people feeling settled and at home here."

The process, however, can take years. Finding ways to streamline it would be a welcome step for many newcomer families, Reynolds said.

Flood outlook moderate to high for much of Manitoba

By Ashleigh Viveiros

From drought to massive snowfall to a risk of flooding in a space of just a few months—you gotta love Manitoba.

The province's Hydrologic Forecast Centre spring flood outlook released last Friday reports high risk of moderate spring flooding in most southern Manitoba basins, though just how bad it will be is very much dependant on the weather between now and spring melt.

"Due to above normal to well above normal winter precipitation to mid February, the Red River and tributaries, including the Roseau, Rat and Pembina Rivers, are at a high risk of moderate to major flooding," reads

the report.

"Due to below normal soil moisture at freeze-up and normal to well above normal winter precipitation, there is high risk of moderate flooding in the Assiniboine River and Souris River basins and along the Whiteshell Lakes areas."

The risk of spring flooding in the Interlake and northern Manitoba regions, meanwhile, is low.

Low water levels in most major lakes puts the risk of flooding in those areas as low as well.

A clearer picture of what Manitoba can expect will come in the weeks ahead.

"The runoff potential is significantly

affected by the amount of additional snow and spring rains, frost depth at the time of runoff, and timing and rate of spring thaw; and the timing of peak flows in Manitoba, the United States, Saskatchewan and Ontario," the report notes. "A late thaw and spring rainstorms could result in a rapid snow melt that increases overland flooding and flows on tributary streams and larger rivers."

The Hydrologic Forecast Centre notes that while there is a risk of major flooding along the Red River and its tributaries, water levels are expected to remain below community flood protection levels at all locations.

Transportation and Infrastructure

Minister Doyle Piwniuk said the province is working to prepare for whatever spring melt might bring.

"Our government continuously monitors all watershed conditions across the province to remain vigilant and ready to respond to ensure that all Manitobans are protected should there be a risk for flood conditions," he said.

"The Hydrologic Forecast Centre monitors river flows and lake levels daily throughout the year, and we work in collaboration with municipalities and communities to best prepare for potential flood mitigation operations."

Health Canada approves Novavax's COVID vaccine

By Patricia Barrett

Health Canada approved the use of Nuvaxovid last week, the first protein-based COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 18 and older.

The two-dose vaccine, also known as NVX-CoV2373, is made by American biotechnology company Novavax.

The vaccine is made using a protein from the original strain of the virus. The protein can't replicate or cause COVID-19 disease, says the company.

"We are proud that Canada is part of the growing list of regions to authorize Nuvaxovid and that Canadians will have a protein-based COVID-19 vaccine option," said Novavax president and CEO Stanley C. Erck in a Feb. 17 news release. "We thank the Canadian government and the National Research Council of Canada for their ongoing partnership and commitment to helping combat the

evolving pandemic."

Novavax carried out clinical trials with 30,000 participants in the U.S. and Mexico, and with 15,000 in the U.K., both of which showed Nuvaxovid having a "demonstrated efficacy" and a "reassuring" safety profile.

"Serious and severe adverse events were low in number and balanced between vaccine and placebo groups. The most common adverse reactions observed during clinical studies ... were headache, nausea or vomiting, myalgia, arthralgia, injection site tenderness/pain, fatigue and malaise," states the news release. "Novavax will continue to collect and analyze real-world data, including the monitoring of safety and the evaluation of variants, as the vaccine is distributed."

On its website, Health Canada says the vaccine was shown to be "90 per cent effective" in protecting participants in the clinical trials.

Canada's National Advisory Committee on Vaccination (NACI) said in a Feb. 17 statement on Nuvaxovid that the vaccine's "duration of protection is not yet known" and

there is no data on whether it is effective against the delta and the omicron COVID variants.

NACI notes that there have been incidences of myocarditis and/or pericarditis [inflammation of the heart muscle/inflammation of membrane around the heart] after the administration of Nuvaxovid, but there's "not yet enough information to determine if [the cases] are related to the vaccine."

Novavax has an agreement to produce the vaccine at the National Research Council of Canada's Biologics Manufacturing Centre in Montreal. That's expected to start later this year.

The federal government has signed an advance purchase agreement for 52 million doses of the vaccine.



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The minister noted the one-time funding grant will be used to offset financial impacts experienced by camps due to COVID-19. This includes financial strain due to closures and implementing services under conditions of public health orders. It will also help support future recovery efforts. Eligible costs will include fixed operating costs such as taxes, utilities and insurance.

"The MCA has been working diligently with the Manitoba government to make this happen," said Kim Sherger,

executive director, Manitoba Camping Association. "The funding will help many camps that have been hit hard by the pandemic as a first step to recovery and we are grateful to the Manitoba government for making this funding available."

The MCA develops and maintains standards for organized camping in Manitoba, and is a registered charity that provides financial support to children and youth whose families experience financial barriers that prevent them from participating in healthy recreation activities. Each year, the MCA sends around 600 children to various camp programs throughout Manitoba and northwestern Ontario through its Sunshine Fund.

For additional information on MCA activities and to inquire about funding support, call 204-784-1130 or visit www.mbcamping.ca.



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Teulon Elementary students focus on Indigenous learning

By Jennifer McFee

Nijiikendam. This Ojibwe word, which means “my heart fills with happiness,” is now part of the vocabulary of Teulon Elementary School students.

The school has embarked on an initiative to introduce an Ojibwe or Oji-Cree word of the week to students. Other new words include “kimêtawânaw,” which means “we all play,” and “ekosani,” which means “thank you” in Cree.

At the same time, students have learned about Indigenous authors including Monique Gray Smith (who wrote a book called *My Heart Fills with Happiness / Nijiikendam*), Julie Flett (who wrote an illustrated book called *We All Play / kimêtawânaw*), Penny M. Thomas and Lisa Boivin. Author David A. Robertson will be speaking to Grade 5/6 students on March 12. One of the Grade 5 classes read his book *The Barren Grounds* and they’re currently reading *The Great Bear*, which is the second book in the trilogy.

Library clerk Christine Voth explained the impetus behind these Indigenous-focused initiatives.

“Words are like medicine and it is important to take time to think about what we say. Also saying a word in another language is a great way to make connections,” she said.

“This is our focus because the importance of reconciliation and education is so much more involved than just having an Orange Shirt Day. There were student questions on that day and we need to take more time to understand and learn about it.”



Each year teachers incorporate lessons about the Seven Teachings.

In September, the library focused on a theme of “I wonder ...” and introduced Indigenous topics.

“We had authors of the month, which featured Indigenous authors and showcased their books,” Voth said.

To create further connections, Christine Tronrud brought in a buffalo hide, skull, honour quilt and some pictures for the school to use with classes during the week leading up to Louis Riel Day. They discussed the Seven Teachings and learned that the buffalo signifies respect.

For the Grade 3/4 classes, Jim Nelson will be coming in May to integrate numeracy teaching with a



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Christine Tronrud loaned a buffalo hide, honour quilt and pictures to Teulon Elementary School in the week leading up to Louis Riel Day.

drum-making workshop.

The school also hopes to bring in Dale Spence this spring to do a session with kindergarten to Grade 2 students about trapping and fishing.

“One dream is to invite our students to make dream catchers and learn about the significance of the parts and the process,” Voth added.

Each year, teacher Heidi Reeb incorporates lessons about the Seven Teachings with her own classes, focusing on each animal and what they represent, and she has ordered a Seven Teachings rug for the school. Teulon Elementary also features a Seven

Teachings mosaic outside on one of its walls.

For Voth and Reeb, it’s important to create cultural connections and inspire deeper learning.

“I Love to Read Month was a gentle introduction and invitation to explore our rich Indigenous culture,” Voth said.

“Our goal is to learn from Indigenous people, whatever they are willing to share. Books are an important step in learning. When we can make real life connections, it often motivates us to learn more and explore further.”



Last year, teacher Heidi Reeb taught her Grade 1/2 class about the Seven Teachings, focusing on the animals that each one represents.

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Vote online for Stony Mountain pooch

By Jennifer McFee

Every dog has its day, and a Stony Mountain pooch is vying for her time in the spotlight.

Rosey, a five-year-old red heeler, needs online votes to progress to the next level of the 2022 America's Favorite Pet Competition.

Owners Penny and Chris Shannon entered Rosey in the online competition, which will crown one dog or cat as America's favourite furry friend.

"I just put her name in for fun. I didn't think she would qualify," said Penny.

"The more votes she gets, the better. So far, she's first in her category."

Anyone with a valid Facebook account can cast a free vote every 24 hours after voter eligibility is confirmed. As well, voters can purchase additional votes for one or more pet.

Voting for the Top 15 entrants started on Feb. 8 and wraps up today (Feb. 24).

After that, voting for the Top 10 runs from Feb. 24 to March 3, followed by the Top 5 from March 3 to 10.

For the group finalists, public voting will run from March 10 to 17 to choose

one preliminary from each group to advance to the quarter-finals.

From March 18 to 24, one winner from each quarter-final group will advance to the semi-finals, which run from March 25 to 31. After that, the finals will run from April 1 to 7 when public votes will determine one cat and one dog winners.

The top cat and top dog will each receive a \$5,000 cash honorarium plus a two-page spread of professional photos in *Catster* or *Dogster* magazine.

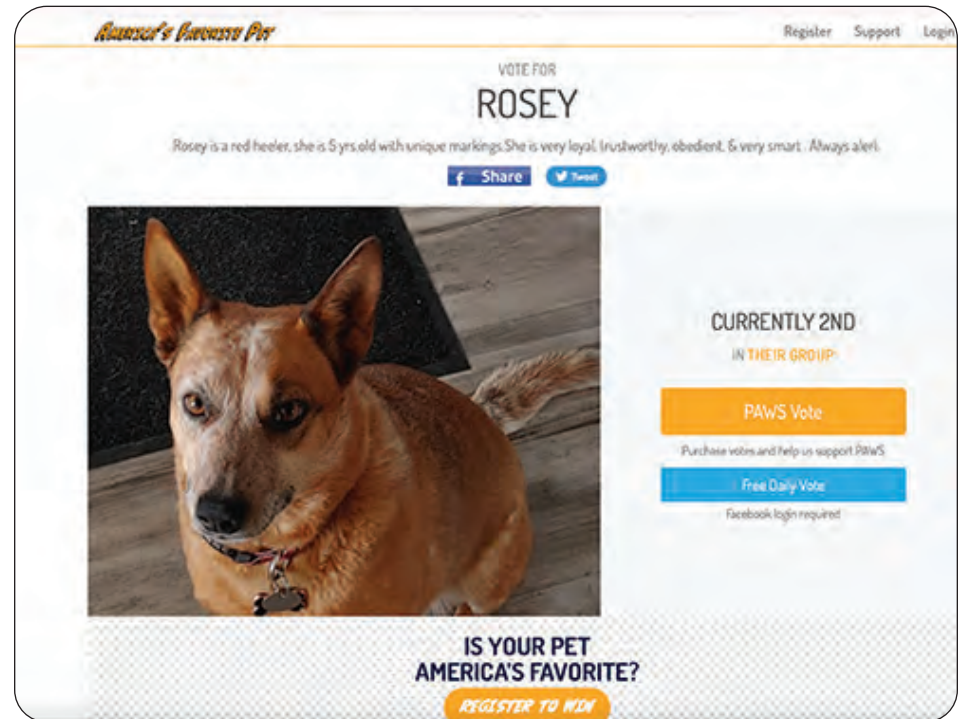
Rosey's profile describes her as loyal, trustworthy, obedient, smart and always alert.

"Rosey has a basket full of toys. She loves squeaky toys the best!" states her profile.

"Santa brought Rosey a pink squeaky ball for Christmas. I think it's her favourite as she even brings it to bed with her most nights."

Her favourite snack is beef jerky dog treats, which she'll do tricks to receive.

"I think Rosey should be America's favourite dog because she is so unique. Her loyalty and the love she shows to the people and animals she



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Rosey needs online votes to progress to the next level in the 2022 America's Favorite Pets Competition.

trusts is incredible," states her profile.

"She is protective but always happy. She has a gentle heart and those eyes just melt your heart. I believe Rosey is

very deserving of this."

Visit <https://americasfavpet.com/2022/rosey-644c> to vote for Rosey.

Lung tests join swelling backlog of medical procedures

By Patricia Barrett

Doctors Manitoba raised the alarm last week about an ever-increasing number of surgical and diagnostic procedures that have been postponed.

The physician-support organization estimates the pandemic backlog of diagnostic and surgical procedures to be 161,585 procedures (as of Feb. 17), an increase of 7,748 procedures since last month. Diagnostic procedures include ultrasound and MRI imaging procedures, endoscopies, allergy tests and lung function tests.

The backlog arose when health-care resources were shifted to people with COVID-19. It grew worse as Manitoba moved through successive waves of infections. The omicron wave saw unprecedented numbers of people needing hospital care, including on Feb. 2 when 744 people were in hospital with COVID, according to provincial data.

Doctors Manitoba, which represents over 4,000 physicians, said in an update last Thursday that the backlog for ultrasound and MRI diagnostic procedures improved in December but grew for bone density studies and myocardial perfusion tests.

"The omicron wave has led to a surge in hospital admissions, resulting in widespread disruptions to surgeries and diagnostic testing," said Doctors Manitoba president Dr. Kristjan Thompson in a Feb. 17 statement. "Last month, we estimate the pandemic backlog grew by over 7,700 cases or 250 cases per day. This is the largest increase in a year."

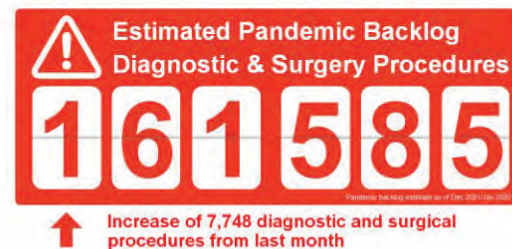
The organization added lung function tests to the growing backlog. Lung tests are used to diagnose, treat and monitor lung conditions such as asthma,

Surgery & Diagnostic Backlog Dashboard

February 17, 2022

Overall Backlog

The impact of the pandemic response on Manitoba's hospitals has resulted in a massive backlog of surgery and diagnostic procedures. Doctors Manitoba has been advocating on behalf of patients and their physicians for a plan to clear the backlog. As part of our work, we have created a dashboard to monitor the size of the backlog.



Our estimate of the backlog includes surgeries, diagnostic imaging tests such as MRIs and ultrasound scans, and other diagnostic procedures such as allergy tests and endoscopies. The pandemic backlog has reached 161,585 surgeries and diagnostic procedures, an increase of 7,748 from our January estimate.

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Doctors Manitoba dashboard, updated Feb. 17, shows over 161,000 backlogged procedures.

chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), lung fibrosis and post-COVID-induced shortness of breath, according to the statement. For lung function tests alone, there is an estimated backlog of 8,848 procedures as of January.

Thompson said the backlog remains a "top concern" for physicians and is another reason "why Manitobans should be cautious as restrictions are eased."

The provincial government announced Feb. 11 that it is "accelerating" a plan to reduce public health measures, saying key COVID indicators are "stabilizing or improving."

Capacity limits were eliminated in restaurants, casinos and in entertainment and sports venues on Feb. 15. The government abolished self-isolation for close contacts of people testing positive for COVID. The government also stopped reporting on case numbers in schools on its school-aged COVID dashboard. On March 1 proof of vaccination will be dropped. Masking requirements will be dropped on March 15.

The provincial government said in December 2021 it will establish a task force to address the surgical and diagnostic backlog. In mid-January, it announced it will send some spinal surgery patients to the U.S.

The Manitoba NDP's health-care critic Uzoma Asagwara said the increasing backlog is a failure by government to help people access vital health-care services.

"It is deeply troubling to see this backlog increasing by the day. The PCs' [Manitoba Progressive Conservative government] failure to take care of families living with pain and uncertainty is inexcusable and it will leave a stain on their record that Manitobans will not forget," said Asagwara in a statement last Friday. "They've done nothing to address this problem but make empty promises. Manitobans deserve a government that fixes problems and makes health care their No. 1 priority."

Your FARM



Demand for soybeans seeps into Manitoba

By Nicole Brownlee

Manitoba growers are working with a Canadian soybean producer to increase exports to Asia, Europe, Africa and North America.

The soybean market has exponentially grown over the past decade because of a rise in demand for plant-based proteins for animal and human consumption. The International Institute of Sustainable Development predicts that soybean production will surpass wheat and corn crops in the U.S.

Sevita International is a privately-owned Canadian company that focuses on developing soybeans that suit Canadian growing conditions.

"We do a lot of our own plant breeding and variety development with a focus on Canada," said Sandy Hart, business manager of Sevita International.

Most of the breeding effort in North America is focused on the maturities that grow in the U.S. because they're one of the leading global producers of soybeans.

"The opportunity of the Canadian acre is very appealing, so we put more emphasis on developing products that are appropriate for this market," said Hart.

Sevita worked with eastern provinces like Ontario and Quebec before moving into the prairies in 2019.

For Manitoba soybeans, Sevita concentrates on good protein and food qualities in early maturing genetics.

"There's no new agronomic advancement or training or anything like that that's in play here," said Hart.

"We've had good retention year over year. Good yields relative to (genetically modified) products, and we have not had to refuse somebody's crop due to protein."

Manitoba has successfully grown several types of Sevita soybeans that have reached protein and yield targets.

Doug Kiel, a Teulon farmer, grew his first crop of Sevita soybeans last year.

"Despite the dry growing conditions last summer, our food-grade soybeans from Sevita yielded thirty-five bushels per acre in one field," said Kiel in a statement.

"As a grower, I also appreciate that

Sevita's breeding program develops varieties specific to Manitoba's growing conditions," said Kiel.

Manitoba experienced a record drought during the 2021 growing season causing many farmers to produce a fraction of their usual yield.

The drought also impacted Sevita's product testing abilities. Sevita seeds are bred in Ontario and tested in seven locations across Manitoba.

"Testing something in a drought can be valuable in terms of telling you how it does in a drought," said Hart.

"But when it's a new product for the marketplace, we want to see it under normal conditions."

Hart said that Sevita soybeans attract \$2 to \$2.50 a bushel over what a producer could sell their commodity beans for locally, but some producers are hesitant to make the change.

"They do perceive a certain amount of risk in having to keep the crop GM-free, managing weeds without some of the same tools that the GM systems allow."

Producers interested in growing Sevita soybeans can't grow genetically modified soybeans the year before trying Sevita. Harvesting and transportation equipment also has to be cleaned to discourage contamination from genetically modified crops.



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Stonewall Blues jersey donation in Ukraine

By Ty Dilello

In the heart of Ukraine, one youth minor hockey program has a certain Interlake feel to it.

Earlier this month, Former NHL star Wayne Babych of the Canadian Friends of Hockey in Ukraine (CFHU) organized the donation of Stonewall Blues jerseys to Bohuslav, Ukraine, with CJ Butcher, a skate sharpener and equipment manager of the Stonewall Jets.

The Bohuslav minor hockey program received 13 sets of Stonewall Blues jerseys, including goalie jerseys, sticks, skates and other equipment.

"We heard some exciting news recently that they received the equipment. There are a lot of people that worked very hard to raise money to supply that to Ukraine," said Babych.

"We know hockey is the best game in the world. We can hardly wait to get over there to Ukraine to enjoy some hockey with them and share some tips and instructions about the great game."

Bohuslav is a small town of 15,000 and is situated roughly 125 kilometres south of the Ukraine capital of Kyiv. The CFHU recognized Bohuslav as a recipient of their equipment donation as the town boasts an excellent volunteer hockey program that will undoubtedly appreciate and utilize the equipment for years to come.

"CFHU is interested in promoting hockey in smaller towns and centres because we know that places like Stonewall and Dauphin, which are also small towns, have great hockey programs. Both these communities have donated equipment and jerseys for young hockey players in Ukraine," said Vern Zatwarnicki of the CFHU.

There are 90 kids playing hockey currently in Bohuslav, and the help that the CFHU has provided is essential in getting these children playing with the right equipment from a young age.

One of the hockey moms in Ukraine said, "Getting this equipment from these Canadian hockey legends like the Babych brothers, it motivates the kids a lot."

For anyone interested in wanting to help the cause in Ukraine, the CFHU will be holding its annual celebrity hockey golf tournament on July 7 this year. It will be held locally at the Larters at St. Andrews Golf & Country Club. Sign-up details to come.



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Young hockey players in Bohuslav, Ukraine, are the proud recipients of new hockey equipment, courtesy of the Stonewall Blues and the Canadian Friends of Hockey in Ukraine.

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will become more apparent as the incident progresses," Stewart said.

"Once we have a volunteer base, I believe that they could be utilized as well to assist other agencies with missing persons, community watch issues and informational booths at local fairs."

At the same time, Stewart hopes members of the business community would be willing to lend a hand in an emergency situation.

"The business community is also a big asset with the services they can provide during a severe weather situation — areas such as heavy machinery, personnel, livestock and pet care, food services and generators, just to mention a few areas," he said.

At a Balmoral-based event on Feb. 16 with Shelley Napier of Napier Emergency Consulting, 15 volunteers signed up to assist with efforts — and more volunteers are always in demand.

"Our plan is now to hold a training session in early April and begin work on training this group to help support the RM of Rockwood's emergency program," Napier said.

"It's my hope that we are able to recruit some volunteers for Rockwood's emergency program. I think it's such an important role and also very rewarding. At the end of the day, we want to have a strong emergency program to ensure the safety of the residents should something occur. We truly are in this together and we have areas of the program that will grow stronger with community involvement."

Volunteers will be matched with duties that are most suited to their skills and abilities. Training and personal protection equipment will be provided. Anyone who is interested can contact municipal emergency co-ordinator Bill Stewart at emo@rockwood.ca.

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Two jobs, 13 horses and a farm; a dream come true

By Nicole Brownlee

Sherri Anderson loves horses. And the first chance she got, she bought as many acres as she could to welcome horses into her family again.

Anderson grew up in a rodeo family and learned from a young age how to train horses.

"I love taking a horse that is scared of people or doesn't trust people and teaching them that people are good," said Anderson.

"That brings me so much pride and makes my heart so full."

When she moved from Saskatchewan to Manitoba in 1991, Anderson dreamed of the property she could get outside of Winnipeg to return to her love of raising horses.

The opportunity arose in 2012, so she moved her family north of Teulon, where she collected a 48-hectare property and a team of horses with the help of community members.

"While we were here, people started coming to us and offering to give us horses," said Anderson.

She was surprised to be given the horses for free after growing up with a family who trained horses that cost anywhere between \$4,500 and \$8,000.

"We decided to train them and give them a good home."

Anderson became attached to the horses after investing hours of training with them.

People offered to buy the horses for a bargain of their cost, but Anderson couldn't part with them.

"It's hard to see people come here and talk about your animals like they weren't the most wonderful animals in the world," said Anderson.

After realizing most of the horses she took in were coming to stay, Anderson decided to establish The Barefoot Ranch as a rescue for animals in need.

"We don't really focus on finding them homes," said Anderson.

"If the right situation came up for a great home, we're not opposed, but we mostly just keep them here and provide them their best life for the rest of their life."

Anderson cares for 13 horses, two calves and one donkey while working two jobs as a product manager for an IT company and a waitress at Fry-Days in Teulon.

One of her horses is 35 years old and requires consistent care throughout the day.



TRIBUNE PHOTOS SUPPLIED BY SHERRI ANDERSON. Sherri Anderson started the Barefoot Ranch in 2012 after community members donated horses to her 48-acre ranch.

"This cold spell has been really hard on her, but we give her specialty feed multiple times a day," said Anderson.

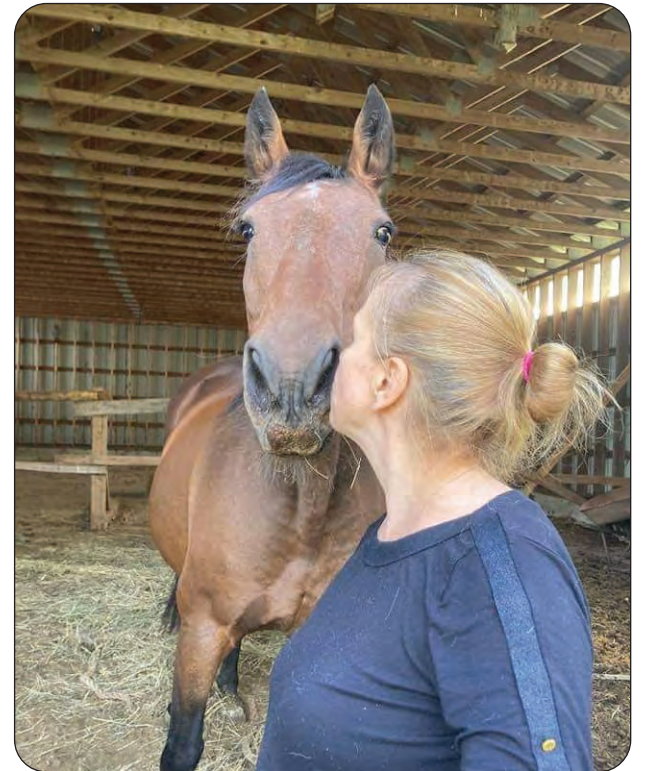
While working from home for the IT company, Anderson checks on the team. While she's working nights and weekends at Fry-Days her husband pulls the night shift with the horses.

Anderson works with the Spirit of Hope Rescue and The Good Place: Farm Rescue & Sanctuary to care for abandoned or mistreated horses.

Spirit of Hope is working with Anderson to rescue two ponies from Sagkeeng First Nation who are reportedly homeless.

"It's cool to have the opportunity to be affiliated with them because they're quite a successful non-profit," said Anderson.

Before fall 2021, Anderson paid for all ranch expenses out of her pocket. Now, she's hoping to raise money to continue caring for the horses, maintain



Anderson cares for 13 horses at the ranch while balancing two jobs as a product manger and a waitress.

their feed and build them a shelter.

The Barefoot Ranch raised \$500 at their first fundraiser in September 2021 and gained exposure in the community.

The ranch is now hosting its second fundraiser to help pay for bales and has raised \$2,400 in a month. Anderson hopes to reach \$3,500 by the end of February.

Volunteers are welcome to join the ranch in the spring, summer and fall to help with socializing and feeding the horses. They plan to build a horse shelter in the summer and encourage any helping hands to join them, said Anderson.

The ranch also always accepts donations of feed, bedding, salt and mineral blocks. More information about the fundraiser is available on their Facebook page, The Barefoot Ranch: Manitoba Horse Rescue & Sanctuary.

Another good deed

TRIBUNE PHOTO BY TARRAH KIRK

The Stonewall Blues U13 A1 hockey team dropped their gloves on Feb. 15 and spent the evening sorting food at Winnipeg Harvest to be delivered to families in need. The team will be heading to provincials in Dauphin March 11 to 13 and have received some sponsorships enabling them to rent a bus, which will allow them to travel together as a team. One of the sponsors asked the team to do a good deed in exchange for sponsorship. Pictured back row, left to right: James Knutson, Aidan Kirk, Ethan Coutu, Braxen Huhtala, Griffin Lowry, Landon Rempel and Kade Williams. Front row: Parker Hennie, Cash Palsson, Tyler Loehmer, Reese James, Jackson Arbez and Cole Lamy. Missing from the photo, Banx Chartrand, Ty Kopy and coaches Andrew Kirk, Chris Arbez, Gage Lowry and Shawn Rempel.



St. Laurent snowmobiler found safe

By Nicole Brownlee

Raymond Laramée told his roommate he was going for a snowmobile ride on his usual three-hour route around 2 p.m. on Feb. 5.

When the clock hit 8 p.m. and Laramée hadn't returned, his roommate became concerned and called their neighbours, Tracy and Glen Hogan.

After confirming the Hogans hadn't heard from Laramée, they knew something was wrong.

"My husband and I went into action," said Tracy Hogan.

With a background in search and rescue, volunteer firefighting and health care, Tracy was the ideal leader of the search for Laramée.

Tracy posted on Facebook that she was looking for her neighbour, and within the hour, the post was shared 1,000 times.

Tracy was receiving so many calls, texts and direct messages when she and Glen first left their house to look for Laramée that she decided to set up shop at home to organize the search.

Armed with her phone, laptop and iPad, Tracy sat down at 9:30 p.m. to co-ordinate search parties guided by Glen and tracked on maps printed by Tracy's cousin Max.

At 2 p.m., Laramée started his sled, let it warm up and checked to make sure it was properly running before he packed his bag and headed towards the Hogans, who own Stonyridge Seasonal Campground in St. Laurent.

"That's the only trail I usually break myself," said Laramée, who's sledged since he was eight years old.

From St. Laurent, Laramée filled his gas tank and rode towards Inwood to briefly stop at the Inwood Snowmobile Club warm-up shack. Laramée then headed west towards Lake Manitoba.

"The lake is wide open, and you can get a good rip on a sled though," said Laramée.

Heading from one end of the lake to the other, Laramée headed back towards two trails. One goes directly back to his place in St. Laurent, and the other takes a detour through Oak Point.

Laramée chose to take the Oak Point trail but soon regretted his decision. The trail hadn't been groomed after the most recent dump of snow but had tracks from other sledders.

Around 4 p.m., Laramée was about six kilometres away from Church Road in St. Laurent, following tracks on six-foot-tall snowdrifts when he realized there was no path for him.

"I started turning around, and I got stuck," said Laramée.

He removed his jacket and helmet while digging out the sled and finally got the sled unstuck.

"As I was going out of the drift, one of the hollows took me in, and the drift, kind of, pushed me towards the bush."

Laramée's sled toppled onto its side.

While the snowmobile trail is usually packed snow, Laramée compared the snow in the bush to sugar powder.

"There's no density to it."

Laramée fruitlessly tried to flip the sled over then reached for his phone, noticing that it was missing, along with his glasses.

Accepting that he was without a phone to call for help, without glasses and losing daylight, Laramée searched for wood.

Gathering small sticks for kindling and dipping a length of gauze from his emergency medical supplies into the snowmobile's gas tank, Laramée started a fire in the protection of the large snowdrift that toppled him over.



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Ray Laramée was found warm by a fire at 2:45 a.m. on Feb. 6 after a seven-hour search.

After eight years of training in the cadets and the military reserves, Laramée always prepared for emergencies. Laramée said he didn't feel panic huddling over a fire as night stuck in the bush.

"My roommate's very familiar with my riding habits," said Laramée.

"I just stayed warm until I was found."

If Laramée wasn't discovered that night, he planned to mark his sled and path with his supplies and head towards Church Road.

At 2:45 a.m., Steve Emms and his son Tristan found Laramée cozy by the fire. Steve called Tracy to let her know Laramée was safe and sound.

The Emms helped Laramée flip his sled and lifted it out of the powder on top of the drift. Laramée followed the Emms back to town and headed

home.

By the time Laramée was found, over 40 volunteers on snowmobiles and in vehicles had joined the search with more offering to come in the morning.

"It was chaos," said Glen.

By 5 a.m., the Hogan house had calmed. Laramée had returned home and connected with the RCMP searching for him, and the team tucked in after a long night.

Laramée was uninjured but exhausted.

"It was very humbling seeing the amount of people that were actually out there," said Laramée.

He stayed up until 8 a.m. thanking people for their help over Facebook and explaining the ordeal.

"I'm very grateful."

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1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
sea salt, to taste
coarsely ground black pepper, to taste

To make caramelized onions: Preheat oven to 400 F.

In large stockpot over medium-low heat, warm oil and melt butter. Add onions and cover; cook 20-25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add

thyme sprigs and season with salt, to taste; turn pan lid slightly ajar. Place pot in oven 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

To make flatbreads: Preheat oven to broil. On sheet pan, toast flatbreads under broiler 4 minutes, or until toasted, flipping halfway through.

Spread 1/4 cup of caramelized onions over each toasted flatbread. Refrigerate leftover onions.

Tear mozzarella and place over onions. Divide prunes among flatbreads and place flatbreads under broiler 4-6 minutes until cheese has melted and is beginning to brown.

Sprinkle flatbreads with fresh thyme and season with salt and pepper, to taste.



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U18 female AAA Lightning fall to Avros

By Brian Bowman

There was no quit in the Interlake Lightning U18 AAA female hockey team down the stretch.

Interlake gave the Winnipeg Avros a real good battle in it's best-of-five playoff series.

The first-place Avros came out on top, though, sweeping the series after a 5-1 home win on Sunday afternoon.

Veronica Smarz scored Interlake's

lone goal in the second period.

Winnipeg, which scored four goals in the middle frame and then added another in the third, received goals from Courtenay Bayes, Elizabeth Bird, Norah Collins, Mackenzie Lizotte and Kahlen Wisener.

Katleyn Dorsch stopped 45 Avros' shots.

Winnipeg took a 2-0 series lead with a 3-0 shutout victory over the Light-



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The Interlake Lightning U18 AAA female hockey team will be losing seven players due to graduation. Pictured back row, left to right: Sarah Shewchuk, Shyanne Chartrand, Kiorra Johannesson and Emerson McAuley. Front row, left to right: Brooke Wadge, Kenady Christensen, and Katelyn Dorsch.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY LANA MEIER

Interlake Lightning goaltender Rachel Halldorson made 56 saves in her team's 3-0 home loss to the Winnipeg Avros last Thursday.

ning last Thursday in Stonewall.

Collins, Kyleigh Johnson and Wisener scored second-period goals for the Avros.

Rachel Halldorson was superb in goal, making 56 saves.

The Lightning lost Game 1 of the series in heart-breaking fashion, dropping a 4-3 decision in overtime.

Interlake led 2-1 after the first period and the two teams were tied at 3-3 heading into the third.

Bre-Ann Windross led the Lightning with a goal and an assist while

Kenady Christensen and Sarah Shewchuk also tallied.

Avros' goals were scored by Rory Lubkey (two), Mackenzie Lizotte and Wisener.

Dorsch was great in goal as the Lightning were outshot 50-21.

Interlake finished the regular season with a 4-23 record to finish in last place in the eight-team league. But three of those wins came in Interlake's final five regular-season games. The Lightning made great strides by the end of the season.

U18 male Lightning season ends with a loss

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning U18 AAA male hockey team's season ended with a loss on Saturday afternoon.

Parkland cruised to a 7-4 victory over Interlake in Teulon.

"It was the last game of the year and a lot of emotion," said Lightning head coach Scott Wong.

Nathan Vigfusson, Joel Purdom, Liam Cody and Evan Calder scored for the Lightning.

Wong said the Lightning had a lot of good scoring opportunities in the game but failed to capitalize.

Parkland goals were tallied by Jayce

Legaarden (two), Matthew Munro (two), Kyan Grouette, Hayden Seib and Will Munro.

Zack Meadows made 34 saves in the losing cause.

Last Friday, the Lightning whipped the Rangers 6-0.

"It was very nice to see," Wong said. "These kids had it in them. We were only getting better. After Christmas we had a two-week lull with COVID and injuries and stuff like that. They were minor things but the boys got past it and we took a couple of lumps during that time. When we had a full roster, we were good and had no is-

sues. We could compete with anybody."

Vigfusson and Hayden Wheddon scored to give Interlake a 2-0 first-period lead.

Purdom made it 3-0 with a short-handed goal in the second period and then Kye Parker (power play), Evan Calder and Wheddon (power play) tallied in the third.

Ty Hogue stopped 37 Parkland shots for the shutout.

Interlake finished the regular season with a 9-29-2 record and did not make the playoffs.

It was a disappointing season.

"I'm kind of glad it's done," Wong said. "I'm very disappointed (with the record), I'm not going to lie about it. I thought this team had a lot more (upside) to our game. I'm disappointed with the overall expectations. I came from a program (where) I was winning 30 games a year and I thought I could take these guys to the next level but there were a lot of internal things.

"As a coach, you want to do the best that you can with guys but you can only do as good as what you're given and under the circumstances."

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Warren, Teulon to clash in Zone 5 varsity girls' basketball championship

By Brian Bowman

The Warren Collegiate Wildcats and the Teulon Collegiate Saints are eagerly awaiting the Zone 5 varsity girls' basketball championship which will take place this Thursday in Gimli.

At stake is a spot in the MHSAA "AA" provincials in Souris on March 17-19.

"They're just excited to play any games right now," said Saints' coach Jason Darragh. "It's been a weird year."

Teulon played the Sanford Sabres in an exhibition game this past Tuesday but no score was available.

Teulon was fresh off a 48-37 vic-

tory over the Wildcats in Warren last Wednesday.

The Saints played strong defensively, said Darragh, and that was the difference in the game.

The Saints are a young team with just three Grade 12 players (two that are healthy) but they are a hard-working bunch.

Warren, meanwhile, has not played too many games for various reasons.

"We haven't had much of a season," said Wildcats' head coach Cathy Pleskach in an email. "We are playing at .500 for the season, but still have a chance to get to provincials in Souris."

Pleskach expects a close game against Teulon. The Wildcats defeated the Saints 34-28 back on Jan. 27 in Teulon.

"We are pretty even and the team that plays the best that day will represent the Interlake well," she said. "As for my Warren girls, we are a mix of grades 10-12, with most students not playing for two years, which means

most of my team was playing elementary school basketball before this season.

"We have a few returning experienced and passionate Grade 11 and 12s, and the rest of the team is rounded out with new players to the game and Grade 10s. But we are a feisty bunch and we think we can get there."



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Teulon Collegiate's Hannah Kraychuk flies down the court in a game against the Warren Collegiate Wildcats last week. The Saints won the game 48-37.

Gold star results for skaters



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The Stonewall Skating Club is proud to report the following skater's results at the skate Canada Manitoba Eastern Regional Competition. Pictured left to right, Lucy Hoff won bronze with her Star 5 Free Program and silver in Star 5 Elements; Anna Hoff received gold with her Star 2 Free Program and gold in her Star 2 Elements, while Gaia Turner received gold in her Star 1 Free Program. Skaters will now compete in Hazelridge at the Skate Canada Manitoba Open competition on March 4-6.



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Teulon red-hot heading into Zone 5 varsity boys' basketball championship

By Brian Bowman

The Teulon Collegiate Saints are on a hot streak heading into this Thursday's Zone 5 varsity boys' basketball championship in Gimli.

Teulon is on a four-game winning streak after defeating the Warren Collegiate Wildcats 62-31 last Wednesday.

"It was a good, consistent game that they played, especially defensively," said Saints' assistant coach Ross Ledochowski.

The Saints have been very good defensively all season. In fact, Teulon has only allowed 50 or more points in a game three times this season.

A big part of that stellar defensive play is the Saints' height. They have eight players listed at six-foot or taller.

"That helps with the defence because the other teams aren't getting the second and third rebounds," Ledochowski said. "We're doing a

good job getting those defensive rebounds."

An area of concern for Teulon, however, is scoring. The Saints need to produce more offence if they want to continue to be successful at Zones.

Arborg and Ashern battled in a play-in game on Tuesday to see who would advance to the zones (no score was available at press time). The winner of that game will face Teulon at 10 a.m.

In the other zone game, the Gimli Lakers will take on the Warren Collegiate Wildcats.

The winner from both games will advance to the final.

Teulon, currently ranked No. 4 amongst AA teams in the province, defeated Warren handily in two games this season but has had two very close games against Gimli.

Rams' varsity girls defeat Pipers

Staff

The Stonewall Collegiate Rams' varsity girls' basketball team defeated the John Taylor Pipers 42-37 in league play last Thursday.

Stonewall was beaten 44-22 on its home court by the Elmwood Giants the previous day.

On Valentine's Day, the Rams blasted the Churchill Bulldogs 56-32.

Stonewall played at the Tec Voc Hornets this past Tuesday but no score was available.

In varsity boys' basketball action, Stonewall lost 68-36 to the Westwood Warriors last Thursday.

On Wednesday, the Rams were beaten 76-54 by Elmwood in Stonewall.

Stonewall visited Tec Voc on Tuesday and will host the Gordon Bell Panthers on Wednesday. Tip-off is 4:30 p.m.

In junior varsity girls' action, Stonewall pounded the Portage Collegiate Saints 49-10 last Thursday.

The Rams hosted the St. James Jimmies on Tuesday and they will visit the St. John's Tigers on Thursday. Game time is 6:15 p.m.

The Rams' junior varsity boys' team, meanwhile, pounded Portage 49-10 last Thursday.

Stonewall hosted St. James on Tuesday and then will visit St. John's on Thursday at 6:15 p.m.

The Rams' junior varsity boys' team lost 49-23 to Portage last Thursday.

Stonewall hosted the St. James Jimmies on Tuesday but no score was available. The Rams will then visit Tec Voc on Wednesday and St. John's Thursday. Both games start at 4:30 p.m.

Rams force Game 3 in WSHL playoff series

Staff

A series-deciding Game 3 was played between the Stonewall Collegiate Rams and the Kildonan East Reivers on Monday evening.

No score was available at press time.

Stonewall staved off elimination with a dominating 10-3 home victory over Kildonan East last Wednesday.

Gage O'Neill and Connor Crosby each had hat tricks for Stonewall while Tristan Shore, Max Vanheyst, Brody Stovin and Jace Woods also tallied.

Kildonan East won Game 1 of the

series with a 4-2 win on Feb. 15 at Gateway Arena.

The Reivers snapped a 1-1 third-period tie by outscoring the Rams 3-1 in the final frame.

Kildonan East's Eston Katcher scored a first-period power-play goal and then Stonewall's Jace Woods struck with the man advantage in the second.

Logan MacDuff scored the Rams' lone goal in the third. Reivers' goals were tallied by Mathew Greskiw, Jaden Stephen and Jordan Johnson. Two of those goals came on the power play.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Teulon Collegiate's Gavin Gebhardt carries the ball during exhibition play last Wednesday against the Warren Collegiate Wildcats. The Saints won 62-31.

Jets shut out twice last week

Staff

The Stonewall Jets had trouble scoring goals last week.

Stonewall was shut out in both of its games after getting blanked 5-0 by the Pembina Valley Twisters in Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League action on Sunday.

TJ Matuszewski scored a first-period goal for Pembina Valley and then Nathan Ayotte potted a pair of goals in the second.

Matuszewski and Travis Penner closed out the scoring in the third.

Last Friday, the Jets lost 8-0 to the

first-place St. James Jr. Canucks in Stonewall.

St. James, which built period leads of 4-0 and 7-0, received goals from Tyrone Willan, Kale Price, Tyler Sawchuk, Ashton Romaniuk, Cole Chicoine, Matthew Mason-Vandale and Dylan Morden. The Canucks scored two power-play goals and a short-handed marker.

Stonewall, now 9-27-3, will host the St. Vital Jr. Victorias on Friday and then the Ft. Garry/Ft. Rouge Twins next Wednesday. Puck drop for both games is 7:30 p.m.

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Rural Municipality of Rockwood
285 Main Street
P.O. Box 902
Stonewall, MB R0C 2Z0
Telephone number: (204) 467-2272
Email: info@rockwood.ca

The next General Election takes place on October 26th, 2022

Ernie Epp
Senior Election Official

Rural Municipality of Woodlands ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE



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Rural Municipality of Woodlands
57 Railway Avenue
PO Box 10
Woodlands, MB R0C 3H0
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Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
86850	LOT 1 BLOCK 1 PLAN 13360 WLTO IN NW 1/4 25-13-1 EPM - 2 SPRUCE LANE	L -\$134,900	\$9,321.66
108460	LOT 1 PLAN 15369 WLTO IN SW 1/4 31-13-2 EPM - 70 4TH ST E	L -\$206,000 B -\$40,300	\$22,816.51

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any property taxes not yet due.
- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
- The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in **cash, certified cheque or bank draft** to the Town of Stonewall as follows:
 - The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
 - A fee in the amount \$309.75 (\$295 plus GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.

Dated this 4th day of February, 2022.

Managed by:



Wally Melnyk
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Stonewall
Phone: (204) 467-7979
Fax: (204) 467-7999



PUBLIC NOTICE Additions to the Voters List and/or Personal Security Protection Requests

Town of Teulon

In accordance with Section 36 of *The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act* (MCSBEA), the Town of Teulon Voters List is open for changes or revisions.

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Town of Teulon
44 4th Ave SE
Box 69
Teulon, MB R0C 3B0
Phone: 204-886-2314
Fax: 204-886-3918
E-mail: info@teulon.ca

The next General Election takes place October 26, 2022.

Roger A. Bouvier
Senior Election Official

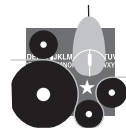
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2022 STREET PAVING PROJECT TENDER

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For further details please visit our website at www.teulon.ca

Projects must be completed by August 31, 2022.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

FULL TIME UTILITY CLERK

The Town of Stonewall invites qualified individuals to apply for the full time position of Utility Clerk.

Under the direction and supervision of the Assistant CAO the Utility Clerk, as part of the Administration Department, shall provide support to management in the running of the day to day business operations of the Town in accordance with statutory requirements and the policies and objectives of Council.

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Procedure for Applying

Qualified Applicants are invited to submit a cover letter summarizing relevant experience, a resume, plus three (3) references to:

Town of Stonewall
Attention: Wally Melnyk
Email: ashleym@stonewall.ca
SUBJECT: UTILITY CLERK
293 Main Street, Box 250
Stonewall, MB R0C 2Z0

Deadline for applications: 12:00 PM on Friday, March 4, 2022

Start date: as soon as possible

A complete job description can be obtained by email at info@stonewall.ca

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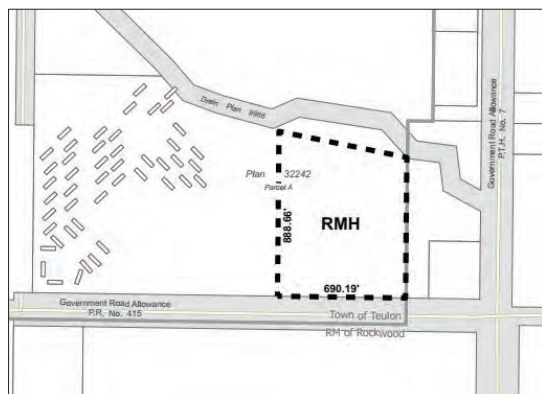
TOWN OF TEULON BY-LAW NO. 1/2022
Being an AMENDMENT to the TOWN OF TEULON ZONING
BY-LAW NO. 18/02, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION: Town of Teulon Council Chambers
44 Fourth Ave. S.E., Teulon, MB

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 6:00 PM

GENERAL INTENT: To rezone Pt. of Parcel A, Plan 32242 WLTO in
SE ¼ 21-16-2 EPM from "RM" Residential Multiple
Family Zone to "RMH" Residential Mobile Home
Zone.

AREA AFFECTED:



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Shaw, General Manager
South Interlake Planning District
285 Main Street, Stonewall, Manitoba, R0C 2Z0
Phone: 204-467-5587

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.

Note: Property Owners are responsible for notifying lessee

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BIRTHDAY



Eleanor Proctor
February 22, 2022
(02-22-22)

In celebration of this special lady
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With much love and best wishes to
our Mom, Grandma, and Great Grandma
-Janice, Wayde and family
Howard, Lorelee and family
Russ, Cathy and family

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to the Warren Horizon Group for the Christmas treats; Warren Collegiate for the Christmas cards and baking; Woodlands Elementary School Kindergarten class for the Christmas cards; and Kat Campbell and Trish Monforton for the lovely red roses for Valentine's Day.
The Oak Park Lodge seniors really appreciate your thoughtfulness/kindness for these gifts.

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of
William (Billy) Parkhill
September 11, 1941 - February 26, 2021
Remembering you is easy, as we do it every day. Only a year ago you passed but, somehow it feels like yesterday. The memory of your smile, chuckle and quick wit gives us comfort, you will always be in our hearts.
We love and miss you Billy, Dad and Papa

BIRTHDAY



Happy 18th Birthday
on March 1st
Aidan Dean Shymko

Wishing you a wonderful 18th birthday.
We are all so proud of the
young man that you are.
Keep enjoying all your favorite hobbies -
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and boating.

-Lots of love,
all your family and friends

IN MEMORIAM



Colleen Anne Oughton (Ritchie)
June 18, 1953 - February 28, 2019

Our world changes from year to year,
Our lives day to day;
But our memory of your love, trust,
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Shall never change.

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- **EMAIL:** sams@stonewall.ca with "VEHICLE BID"
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OBITUARY



Lorne Grant Willis

September 15, 1941 – February 14, 2022

With the heaviest of hearts, we sadly write to inform you of the passing of Lorne Grant Willis, of Petersfield, MB. at the age of 80 years.

Lorne will be forever missed by his loving wife Merle of 58 years and left to cherish his memory are his children Darren (Leona), Lorna (Deme), George (Sherylyn), Allison (Ron). Papa's grandchildren and great-grandchildren who he loved dearly, Gavin (Felicia) Mia, Zoe, Chloe, Haven; Kayla (Lucas), Hunter, Abygale; Justin (Danielle), Raelynn, Dominic; Ashley (Trevor) Paige, Caroline; Dylan; Kole and Tristan; his beloved cat Spotty will miss him as well. He also leaves behind his brother Lance (Rosemarie), sister-in-law Dale and their families and numerous friends and relatives.

Dad was predeceased by his twin sister Lorna, his parents Ernest and Lillie, grandson Dustin and brother Allan.

Lorne was born in Teulon, MB. He was raised on the family farm. He worked at Nelson River Construction before taking over the family farm. He was also a school trustee. He worked as a Manitoba Public Trustee until retirement. Dad had a love of hunting, fishing, camping throughout his life and then gardening in his later years. Dad was very proud of his Metis heritage.

Our heartfelt thanks to all the staff involved in Dad's care that he received the last six weeks.

In lieu of flowers you may make a donation to a charity of your choice or treat a friend to coffee in Lorne's honour.

A private funeral will be held at a later date as per Dad's wishes.

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OBITUARY



Jesse James Henry Pedersen

August 16, 1985 - February 5, 2022

We are heartbroken announcing the sudden passing of our son, grandson, brother, spouse, Dad, nephew, uncle, cousin and friend.

Left to mourn the loss of this kind man is mother Karen Persoage (Yuni); father Shane Pedersen (Jacquie); Baba Olga Persoage; grandmother Maureen Pedersen; brother Justin; sisters Jasmine (Matthew), Dana, and Ashley; spouse Glennys; son Shay; daughters Hope and Elsa; in-laws Fanny and George Beardy and Lorraine and Ronny Robertson; numerous aunts and uncles, cousins, and Glennys' son Tristan, three grandbabies, and his work bud, Jordy.

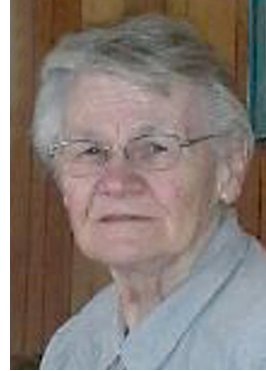
Jesse was predeceased by his Geegee James (Jim) Persoage, grandfather Henry (Hank) Pedersen and Uncle Dennis Persoage.

Jesse was quite talented. He could draw just about anything. He enjoyed skateboarding and teaching his siblings and his children

how to skateboard too. After just a few guitar lessons, he continued to practise and became an avid guitar player. We were often entertained with the songs he played and sang at family functions or around a campfire. He also had a great sense of humor and was always making everyone around him laugh. He took pride in his concrete work and was quite handy to have around to do big or small projects as a general contractor.

There is so much more to say about him, which is why we are planning a celebration of Jesse's life on the weekend before his birthday Saturday, August 13, 2022 at the St. Stephen's Orthodox Church at Pleasant Home. Honorary pallbearers are Justin and Jasmine Dupuis, Trav, Will, Alanna and Ryan Persoage.

OBITUARY



Emily Mary Lohmer (Yankech)

It is with absolute heartache we announce the passing of our beautiful Mom on February 10, 2022.

Mom was born in Kocurice, Slovakia on October 18, 1933. Her parents Gabriel and Petrina Yankech immigrated to Canada with infant Yolana (Elaine) and Mom on her "Tato's" shoulders. They stepped off of the Duchess of Richmond in Quebec, the fall of 1938.

The family settled on land near Komarno, Manitoba. Growing up and schooling was not easy for Mom. Not being able to speak English, she had a very hard time. Even her given name Ludmila, was changed to Emily by the teachers.

She moved to Teulon, at the young age of 14 to live at the Hunter House and was given a job at the Hunter Memorial Hospital. She worked there for a few years, sharing her few dollars pay with

those at home, always taking many candies and needed things to everyone.

Mom met a wonderful man, our Dad, through her aunt who lived in the Good Hope District, close to the Lohmer's. There, they planned their life together. They were married June 26, 1954 and lived in the Good Hope area, Stonewall, and again in the Good Hope District. Meeting and being married to our Dad she often said, was the happiest time in her life.

Mom had several jobs as a young woman, the Dr. Evelyn Memorial Hospital in Stonewall, the Red and White Store and the restaurant at the "3 mile corner".

Mom was devoted to her family. She was a stay at home wife and Mom, and did everything for us. All her life everything was please and thank you. She appreciated the simple things in life. Losing our Dad so young was devastating for her, they did everything together.

She was the heart of our family and we have so many wonderful memories. She was a great cook, making everything delicious, giving us so many great holidays and birthdays. We never left her house empty handed.

She loved hockey games, whether they were her son's or her grandsons'. Her grandsons were her treasure. She babysat both of them for awhile. When they both played hockey, she totally enjoyed going to games anywhere, and supported the team with her signature lemon meringue pies. "She was so proud of her three goalies." Our family drives in the van, were always so much fun. Her love of music, of all kinds, brought a smile to her face. She could play the harmonica and even took guitar lessons. She loved the music of Ringo Starr, her love of all animals brought many a stray cat to her house. She made pets out of them all. They knew where to go.

Mom was young at heart, and we all shared so much laughter at her youthful "just for fun" antics.

Mom being the oldest of nine children, we are so glad her remaining sister and brothers have their own cherished memories of their sister.

Mom will be greatly missed and always lovingly remembered by her son Albert (Maureen) and her daughter Caroline (Wayne). Her grandson Brent (Meaghan), her grandson Cam and her great-grandchildren Maisie and Brandon. Her sister Elaine and her brothers John (Jean), Joe (Lois), Richard (Marla), Victor and Ben. Many nieces and nephews and extended family and friends.

Mom was predeceased by her loving husband Les, her grandson Kevin, her sister Anna and brother Steven, her parents Gabriel and Petrina and special extended family members.

"Rest in Peace Milka"

Mom, you are my sunshine, you always were and will always be
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A private family service was held on February 17, 2022.

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